of jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Customs inviting applications, as stipulated in the Customs House Agents Licensing Regulations. The notice inviting the applications is also put ups on the Notice Board of each custom station. It is therefore not correct to say that the notice is not advertised in the newspapers. Further no regional restrictions are applied for aspirants of fresh licence and any person who meets the eligibility criterion can apply. It is correct that a licence-holder may engage in the custom clearance work throughout the country, subject to intimation in the prescribed Form-C to jurisdictional Commissioner of Customs.

(b) Nil in view of reply at (a) above.

Recovery of outstanding loans from industrial houses

†1444. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 361 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th April, 2005 and state:

(a) the amount recovered from each of the ten industrial houses till 31st October, 2005 out of the total outstanding loans of Rs. 3908.96 crores against them;

(b) the names of the persons against whom cases were filed for recovery and when the same were filed;

(c) the reasons for not filing cases against certain persons; and

(d) the details of success achieved in recovery of balance amount out of the outstanding amount of Rs. 2,35,168 crore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) the information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House to the extent available.

Educational loans to Kerala

1445. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disburse towards educational loan by the Public Sector Banks during the last year and till date in Kerala;

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(b) whether any private sector banks or foreign banks in Kerala disbursed such loans, if so; the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the private sector banks are reluctant to disburse the educational loans and if so, the details of such banks; and

(d) whether Government would consider to insist on them to disburse loans to needy students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Scrapping of small saving schemes

1446. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to scrap some of the small saving schemes under operation by the Post Offices from December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to offer alternative schemes to encourage savings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Transfer policy of banks

†1447. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the transfer policy being followed by the public sector banks;

(b) whether Government are aware that work is affected due to shortfall of employees in the public sector banks;

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